From: Jonathan Dutch
To: City Council; Mayor
Cc: Jonathan Dutch
Subject: Israel / Palestine Issue / Contracts with HP
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Dear Council and Mayor,

My name is Jonathan Dutch and I am a resident of 206 Appleton Street and have children at the Amigos School. I also have significant business dealings in the City of Cambridge via my entrepreneur-owned small business.

I am deeply concerned about the Council's intent to discontinue its business dealings with HP based on Pro-Palestinian special interest group lobbying. This is completely inappropriate to discriminate against HP...it sets a biased tone and is contrary to a more global approach from the City towards its vendors. I'm confused as to how we even start a conversation here when the majority of Palestinians and their supporters don't believe Israel has the right to exist?

I will have you know that my family is currently traveling in Spain and even from our hotel room window we are having to explain to our children (4 & 8yrs) what the attached photo represents and means....no where that we have been does the opposite situation present itself, but quite prevalent are the anti Jew and anti Israel sentiments.

I would highly urge you NOT to move forward with this discrimination against HP and rather if it feels appropriate take a larger look at ALL of the contracts with various vendors that do business with the city as many of them are engaged in human rights violations around the world....clearly they are not currently on the table for discussion along with this.

Our family and community have always been supportive of a two state solution in the Palestinian / Israeli discussion and continue to.

We appreciate your consideration and will look forward to your thoughtful response.

With regards,

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